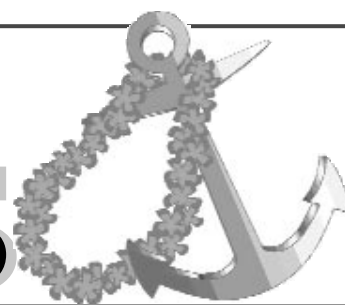


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## IN BRIEF

CNET rep to brief Hawaii Sailors on enlisted to officer programs

A representative from the Chief of Naval Education and Training's Fleet Officer Accession Programs branch will visit Hawaii July 6-7 to conduct presentations concerning education programs leading to a commission.

The briefing will cover various unrestricted line officer programs, including the Enlisted Commissioning Program and the Seaman to Admiral Program, Medical Enlisted Commissioning program, and nursing programs.

The presentations will be held on July 6 at NC-TAMS, bldg. 105 at 9 a.m., and at NSGA Kunia at 1 p.m. Briefings will also be held July 7 at the Naval Station Volcano Room at 9 a.m. and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's enlisted club at 1 p.m.

Sailors interested in these programs, as well as career counselors, division officers, command master chiefs and educational services officers are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact your command career counselor.

## Naval Station galley open for business

Naval Station's Diosdado Rome Galley is now open for service. The galley will operate only on weekdays. The Silver Dolphin Bistro will be the only galley open on weekends and holidays.

Diosdado Rome Galley's is open for breakfast from 5:45-7:15 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and dinner from 4:30-6 p.m.

The Silver Dolphin Bistro is open weekdays for breakfast from 6:15-7:30 a.m.; lunch from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and dinner from 4:15-5:30 p.m. The Bistro is open weekends and holidays for breakfast from 6:30-7:30 a.m.; lunch from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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**A star-spangled fourth:** Public invited to Naval Station's annual Independence Day block party. **B-1**

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# Aloha, Safeguard

## Rescue and salvage ship to make new home in Sasebo

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USS Safeguard (ARS 50) and her crew of 95 officers and Sailors departed Pearl Harbor last Thursday for their new homeport in Sasebo, Japan. Safeguard's homeport change is part of a planned rotation of forward deployed naval forces. The change is a result of the Navy's continual review of the force structure in an effort to use available assets and improved equipment more effectively.

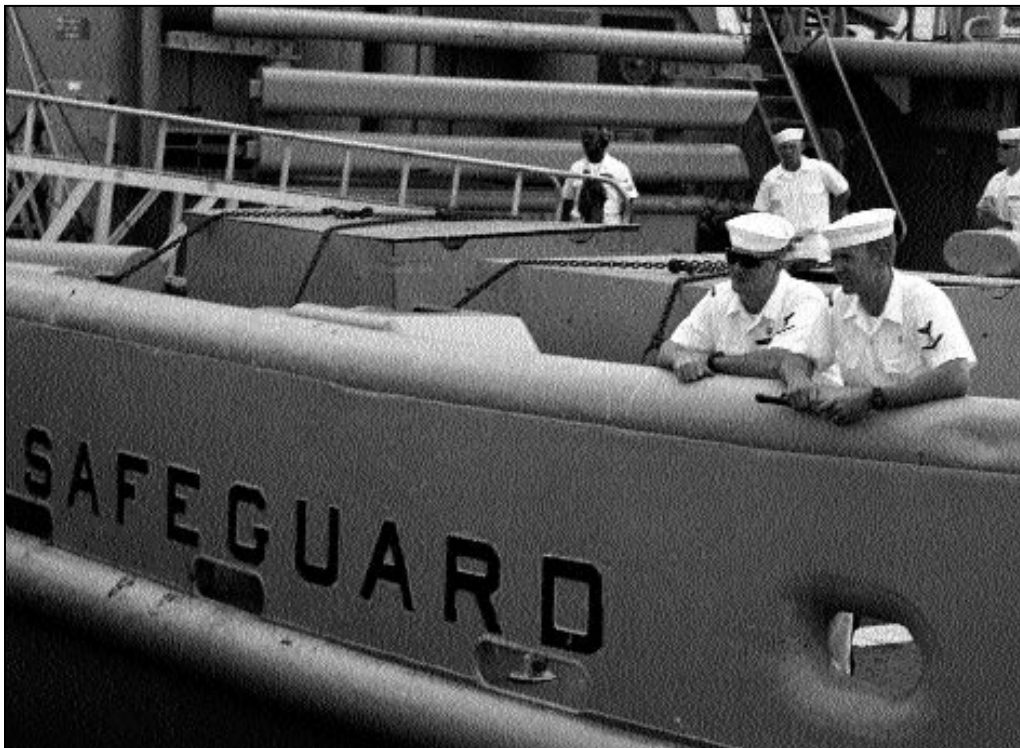
Safeguard's primary mission is to provide salvage, repair, diving and rescue services to the fleet at sea as a unit of the Combat Logistics Support Force.

Currently the Seventh Fleet does not have a rescue and salvage ship, while Hawaii once had both Safeguard and USS Salvor (ARS 52) for rescue missions.

"If something happened farther in the western Pacific, one of us [Safeguard or Salvor] would have to go all the way over there. Now one of us will already be there," said Lt.j.g. Jonathan Hilt, Safeguard's supply officer. "This is actually increasing our readiness."

"If something were to happen in Japan

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PH2 Chad McNeeley photo

Two USS Safeguard (ARS 50) Sailors take a final look at Pearl Harbor before the rescue and salvage ship left Hawaii last Thursday for its new homeport in Sasebo, Japan. Safeguard will provide diving, salvage and repair services to the Pacific Fleet in the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility.



J01 David Nagle photo

The newly dedicated John W. Finn Building at Marine Corps Base Hawaii is the new headquarters for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. The \$9.7 million building is named for retired Lt. John Finn, a Medal of Honor winner.

## New building dedication marks arrival of Navy squadrons at K-Bay

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The Navy dedicated the newly constructed headquarters for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet (CPRF) after a Medal of Honor recipient during a ceremony Tuesday at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The new facility, known as the John W. Finn Building, named after retired Lt. John William Finn, who received the Medal of Honor

for heroic actions during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

"This is a very heartfelt thing [having the building named after me]," said Finn.

John Finn is the last surviving Medal of Honor winner from the Pearl Harbor attack. He is also the only man, either Navy or

Marine Corps, to be awarded the medal for heroic actions at Naval Air Station, Kaneohe during the attack.

The ceremony, held on the eve of the closure of Naval Air Station Barbers Point also marked the relocation of three P-3C Orion maritime Patrol Squadrons (VP-4, 9 and 47) and a helicopter antisubmarine warfare squadron (HSL-37). The relocation to MCBH allows the Navy to continue meeting operational requirements, and continue training with ships and submarines based in Hawaii.

Marines and Sailors are working together at Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) at MCBH Kaneohe Bay. MCAF is a combined air traffic control operation, which now has a Marine Corps commanding officer and Navy executive officer. Additionally, Marines and Sailors are fully integrated into the Marine Aviation Logistics Support Element (MALSEK), with the primary responsibility to maintain both USMC and USN aircraft and helicopters at MCBH Kaneohe Bay. For the first time, Sailors and Marines have been fully integrated into two units to conduct air fields operations and provide logistical sup-

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## Pacific Fleet

# ONE on ONE

Rear Adm. James L. Taylor  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet

By J02 Sean A. Hughes

PACIFIC FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS

*This is part of a series of interviews with the leadership of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Navy. Rear Admiral James L. Taylor assumed his present assignment, in August 1996. He reported from a two-year tour as Director, Supportability, Maintenance and Modernization Division (N43) on the Chief of Naval Operation's staff. Rear Admiral Taylor was born in Monahans, Texas and attended public schools in Lima, Ohio. He is a 1965 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.*



What is the mission of Fleet Maintenance?

Well, our essential mission is to make our ships and aircraft ready for the unified Commander-in-Chiefs' requirements. We want to make sure that our systems on our ships and our aircraft work the way they are supposed to, so that the readiness is as high as it can be in order to be successful in carrying out the warfighting mission. We focus on making sure that we get all the mandatory maintenance done - the mandatory maintenance on our ships. On top of that we try to get quality-of-life maintenance done so that we have quality berthing compartments, air conditioning, messing facilities and all of those kinds of things we expect to have on board our ship.

It's really managing the resources - and resources mean dollars - to get all of that work done each year for our ships.

How is Fleet Maintenance changing the way we do business - the Pearl Harbor maintenance consolidation pilot program, for example?

We really started about six or seven years ago with a concept called regional maintenance. In the old days, when we had lots of money, each platform - meaning each surface ship or submarine or aircraft carrier - built their own maintenance infrastructure. As the money started to get tight in the '90s, we realized we couldn't afford the same infrastructure. We had way too much for a shrinking fleet.

The maintenance activities really need to be near the ships. So we look at a region and say, "What maintenance

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